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In re application of: Theodore L. Wolf )

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's letter of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, Applicant is filing this amendment under the new format permitted by 37 CFR 1.121 pursuant to the O.G. Notice dated February 25, 2003, entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted." Accordingly, each section will begin on a separate sheet.

Claims 1 through 13 are pending in the application and have been rejected by the examiner. Applicant herewith amends independent claims 1 and 7, and adds new claims 14 through 19. It is believed that amended independent claims 1 and 7 are allowable over the part of record; and that as the remaining claims are directly or indirectly dependent upon either claim 1 or 7, they necessarily include these limitations and are thus also allowable over the prior art of record. It is also believed that new claims 14 through 19 are fully supported by the specification, and there submission does not constitute the addition of new subject matter to the application papers.

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